National Memorial Day.

The Day was observed in Staunton by the colored people, who in the afternoon formed in procession headed by the National Brass Band, and marched to the National Cemetery to strew with flowers the graves of those who gave their lives for their country's cause. About the time the procession reached the cemetery a heavy rain storm came up, which prevented the delivery of the oration which had been arranged for; and after strewing the graves with flowers, the people returned hastily to town. At night the program was carried out at the skating rink as published, but owing to the heavy rain, a large number of persons were prevented from attending. Robert Kelso, a teacher in the public schools of Charlottesville, delivered an address suitable to the occasion, in which he paid a high tribute to the men who had given their lives for patriotism and human liberty. He was followed by the Rev. D. C. Deems, who was not regularly on the program; but his address was delivered in fine style, and his ideas clothed in choice language, and nicely rounded sentences. Mr. Deems, is a graduate of Wayland and Howard Universities. He speaks with ease and fluency. The National Brass Band furnished the music for the occasion.

After the speaking was over those present were invited to the tables which had been tastefully arranged around the hall, by the several congregations of the town, to partake of strawberries and ice cream, the proceeds of which were to be used to pay the expenses of the day. The meeting adjourned at a late hour, and was highly enjoyed by all present. Willis Carter was chairman of the committee having charge of the arrangements, and he was ably assisted by W. B. Davenport.